

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Examiner's Answer, mailed May 4, 2006, the Examiner indicated that dependent claims 22, 23, 28, 29 were allowable. In response, Applicant has elected take these allowed claims (with minor amendments made herein) and to cancel the rejected claims without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicant previously provided the Examiner with a proposed amendments corresponding to the amendments herein. Applicant notes, with appreciation, that the Examiner indicated by phone that the amendments herein would place the case in condition for allowance. Thus, formal allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

In view of the fact that the rejected claims have been canceled herein, the currently pending appeal is hereby withdrawn.

Applicant notes that the amended claims herein include minor changes to the claims that the Examiner indicated were allowable. The changes include the correction of minor informalities and the addition of "and/or checkout" in the independent claims. More particularly, claims 21-31 are cancelled and new claims 32-41 are submitted herewith. New independent claim 32 corresponds to allowed claim 22, and is re-written in independent form to include the language of claim 21. New independent claim 32 also contains the additional language "and/or checkout" in the preamble of the claim. New independent claim 37 corresponds to allowed claim 28, and is re-written in independent form to include the language of claim 27. Additionally, new independent claim 32 contains the additional language "and/or checkout" in the preamble of the claim. New

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claims 33-36 correspond to previously presented claims 23-26 and have been rewritten to depend from new claim 32. New claims 38-40 correspond to previously presented claims 29-31 and have been rewritten to depend from new claim 37. Claims 33-36 and 38-40 should be allowable based on their dependency from claims 32 and 37 respectively. Finally, new claim 41 has been added and is also allowable at least by virtue of its dependency on an allowable claim.

All of the claims herein correspond to the proposed claims previously provided to the Examiner and for which the Examiner has indicated allowability. Thus, Applicant believes that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions, or deem that any formal matters need to be addressed prior to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the phone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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